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SUBJ: ECONADS: DRAFT AGENDA FOR BEF 24-25 MEETING OF HEADS OF
ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

REF: USNATO 0403

SUMMARY: TO PERMIT MORE DETAILED WASHINGTON REVIEW AND
COMMENT IN TIME FOR JANUARY 27 ECONADS MEETING, WE QUOTE
THE TEXT OF ED/EC/77/10, JAN 24, ECONADS CHAIRMAN BULLY'S
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FEB 24-25 MEETING OF NATO HEADS OF
ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. A SUMMARY WAS PROVIDED IN REFTEL.
HE OPENS DISCUSSION ON JAN 27 WILL PERMIT AGREEMENT ON A
FINAL AGENDA AT FEB 3 ECONADS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON
COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA AND DESIGNATION OF US PARTICIPANT(S).
END SUMMARY.
BEGIN TEXT OF ECONADS CHAIRMAN'S MEMO:

WITH A VIEW TO THE PREPARATION OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEADS OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR 24TH-
25TH FEBRUARY, 1977, THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE HAS PREPARED THE
ATTACHED DRAFT AGENDA WHICH IS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR
REVIEW AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS.
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2. THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THIS AGENDA. IT IS SUGGESTED
IN THE FIRST PART THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING EXAMINE
HOW ADVANCED IS THE PREPARATION OF SCHEDULED ENLARGED MEETINGS
WITH EXPERTS, AND THE PROGRESS ALREADY ACHIEVED IN IMPLEMENT-
ING THE CURRENT PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE.
THE SECOND PART OF THE AGENDA ALLOWS THE PARTICIPANTS TO RE-
VIEW SUBJECTS WHICH, BECAUSE OF THEIR NATURE OR OF THEIR
TOPICAL CHARACTER, ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO NATO. AN ATTEMPT
HAS BEEN MADE TO PRESENT THEM IN DECREASING ORDER OF IMPORTANCE.
THIS LIST, WHICH IS NEITHER LIMITATIVE NOR MINIMAL, SIMPLY SETS

OUT A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS.

3. A FIRST DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING OF 27TH JANUARY AND IT IS HOPED THAT A FINAL AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED BY 3RD FEBRUARY. THREE WEEKS WILL THEN REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR THE PREPARATION IN ALLIED CAPITALS OF THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

4. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUESTED TO SEND, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE NAMES OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE SECRETARIAT.

DRAFT AGENDA

I. REVIEW OF THE AGREED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICES TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION

(A) SPECIAL REINFORCED MEETINGS

MARCH - COLLOQUIUM ON COMECON.

- IMPLEMENTATION OF BASKET II OF CSCE.

- EXAMINATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF EAST-WEST TRADE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF WESTERN TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE EAST.

JUNE - COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

JULY- METHODS OF ASSESSING SOVIET GNP AND OF COMPARING IT TO WESTERN COUNTRIES' GNPS.

- DEFENCE EXPENDITURE OF THE SOVIET UNION.

(B) SPECIAL STUDIES REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL

- SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN FISHING INDUSTRY AND FISHING FLEET.

- ROLE OF SOVIET SHIPPING AND VULNERABILITY OF SOVIET MARITIME TRADE (CONTINUATION OF STUDIES INITIATED IN 1976).

II. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST

(A) THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF COMECON

- FOREIGN INDEBTEDNESS OF EACH COMECON COUNTRY;

- THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM IMPLICATIONS OF THIS INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR EAST-WEST COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS;

- POTENTIAL ROLE OF A CONVERTIBLE/TRANSFERABLE ROUBLE IN SOVIET TRADE WITH THE WEST;

- SIZE AND IMPORTANCE OF NET INVISIBLE EARNINGS IN COMECON COUNTRIES BALANCE OF PAYMENTS;

- ROLE OF COMPENSATION DEALS AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

(B) SECTORAL REVIEW OF THE SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES

- PROPOSED SELECTED BRANCHES (WITH, IF POSSIBLE, DISTINCTION AS BETWEEN CIVIL AND MILITARY SECTORS): ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, STEEL INDUSTRY, CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, ETC.
- TOPICAL ISSUES: INVESTMENT, LABOUR CONDITIONS AND PRODUCTIVITY, R&D, ETC.

(C) ENERGY AVAILABILITY BOTH TO EAST AND WEST, AND POTENTIAL ROLE OF THE USSR IN

- IMPEDING THIS AVAILABILITY TO THE WEST;
- KEEPING WARSAW PACT AREA SUPPLIED WITH THE MAJOR PART OF ITS IMPORTED ENERGY REQUIREMENTS;

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(D) THE CONSUMER IN COMECON, WITH PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE USSR AND POLAND

- PROSPECTS FOR THE CONSUMER;
- THE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK;
- HOUSING AND PUBLIC SERVICES;
- PRICING POLICIES AND STATE SUBSIDIES;
- CONSUMER DISSATISFACTION, LIKELY IMPACT ON LEADERSHIP POLICIES.

(3) THE EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC BALANCE BETWEEN NATO AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES

(REFERENCE: ECONOMIC APPRECIATION DOCUMENT AC/127-WP/499)

- ANTICIPATED GROWTH RATES OF THE ECONOMIES IN THE TWO AREAS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS;
- DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND DEGREE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN CRITICAL RESOURCES;
- PROBLEM AREAS IN WESTERN AND EASTERN ECONOMIES AND THEIR LIKELY IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC BALANCE.

(F) SOVIET CONTROLLED AND MANAGED INDUSTRIAL ENTER-
PRISES, BANKS AND TRADING HOUSES IN NATO COUNTRIES
(AND EVENTUALLY IN THIRD COUNTRIES)
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- EVOLUTION OVER LAST FEW YEARS; STRUCTURE, OBJECTIVES.

III. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
(ADDITIONAL TOPICS, METHODOLOGY, ORDER OF PRIORITY OF
STUDIES).END TEXTSTRAUSZ-HUPE

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